



object of the preposition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Collection Craze

The noun or pronoun used as the **object of the preposition** follows the preposition or prepositional phrase. A preposition relates the noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence. To find the object of the preposition, ask *whom* or *what* after the preposition.

*Lucinda jumped over the gate.*

*Lucinda jumped over what? **the gate***

*Grandma sent money to us.*

*Grandma sent money to whom? **us***

Read the paragraphs below. Place parentheses around the prepositional phrases and underline the objects of the preposition. Find 23 objects of the preposition.

It seems that everyone collects something these days. For some reason, collecting has become one of America's most popular hobbies. Aside from ordinary stamp or coin collecting, individuals of all ages are collecting everything from unique pencil erasers to the ever-popular stuffed animals. Baseball cards have been highly collectible for many years, but today a person can collect any kind of card, including basketball, football, hockey, and even post cards. Books, cars, shoes, teacups, hats—a collector's possibilities are endless.

Many people are willing to spend a great deal of money on their collections. A rare baseball card could cost a collector thousands of dollars. Doll collectors often spend hundreds of dollars for a single, yet desirable, piece for their collection. Without a doubt, these collectors hope that over many years their treasures will increase in value.

In addition to expensive collectibles, there are many that cost the collector nothing except time and effort. Some people keep greeting cards or snippets of wrapping paper received on gifts. Shells, rocks, feathers, leaves, and other items from nature are common collector's items. Matchbooks from restaurants are also freebie collectibles. Collecting one's favorite things is fun, regardless of their true value. So, join the collecting craze. After all, everybody's doing it!

# Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to some other word or words in a sentence. Common prepositions include *about, with, in, for, to, and of*.

*Example:*

The average four-year-old asks 437 questions *during* a single day.

An **object of a preposition** is the noun or pronoun that follows a preposition.

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The average four-year-old asks 437 questions *during* a single *day*.

A **prepositional phrase** is made up of a preposition, the object of the preposition, and all the words in between.

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The average four-year-old asks 437 questions *during a single day*.



**The underlined word in each sentence is the object of the preposition. Write the preposition for each object on the line.**

1. The rudder, the single mast, and the compass were all invented by the Chinese. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you imagine steering a boat without a rudder? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The compass made navigation through foggy and dark nights possible. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The compass was first mentioned in a book dated 1117. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The compass was actually invented at a much earlier date. \_\_\_\_\_



**These sentences contain two prepositional phrases. Underline the first phrase, and circle the second one.**

6. The average elevator in an office building travels about 10,000 miles during one year.
7. Some students believe that lying down with pillows under their feet helps them solve math problems.
8. The average American drinks about 28,000 quarts of milk in a lifetime.
9. Many passengers leaned over the railings of the large ship.
10. Visitors began to walk down the gangplank and onto the dock.
11. The ship would soon be sailing beneath an overcast sky into the cold Atlantic Ocean.
12. The young girl stood silently among the strangers and thought about her new life.

